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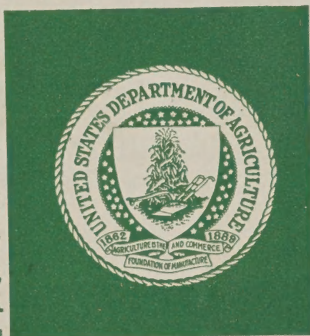
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In Cooperation With Local Leaders

June 1967

IOWA TENCO TOUR

The theme of tour is: To demonstrate how planning and action on a multi-county basis can permit an optimum scale for production, services, institutions and recreation of high quality and low cost, and to show that pockets of poverty still exist in this rural area.

The tour area consists of Wapello, Davis, Appanoose and Monroe Counties, Iowa. Other counties served are: Marion, Mahaska, Keokuk, Lucas, Wayne and Van Buren.

TENCO is the term coined from the contiguous "Ten Counties" involved in economic planning motivated by serious concerns stemming from social and economic change in the area. The initiative for TENCO came from the Cooperative Extension Service, Iowa State University. It is an organized structure of area leaders -- 50 men and women -- representing their home counties on a steering committee and four study committees: agriculture, education, industry and recreation. Many public agencies and some private ones working with and through the structure have provided resources that help area people study, make decisions and act to solve their own development problems. This program started in 1961. Some results from TENCO activities include: a Union Carbide plastic bag plant; McGraw-Edison Toastmaster plant and expansion of other industrial plants. Federal funds have expanded water systems, several small industries made possible a 100-bed nursing home in Appanoose County. A Technical School and several industries located in Ottumwa, Wapello County, at an old naval air station are providing jobs and training for the TENCO area. Agriculture is the leading industry in the area accounting for two-thirds of the income and over one-half of the employment. Several agricultural improvements have been made including a pasture renovation, expansion of the livestock industry and recreation resources on farm lands. As a result of TENCO, significant adjustments in educational systems and church arrangements have taken place. Extension staff members with specialized assignments are now working in the area to facilitate educational programs and adjustments underway within the area.

The multi-county area offers a "pool" of effective leaders and supporting resources. Both are vital in planning and action programs.

A partial list of groups or agencies that have worked with TENCO includes: Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; bankers;

chambers of commerce; Chariton Valley Association; church leaders; Farmers Home Administration; Iowa Development Commission -- tourism and industrialization; Iowa Department of Public Instruction; Iowa Employment Security Commission; Iowa State University -- departments of agronomy, animal science, economics, education, journalism, landscape architecture, sociology; Soil Conservation Service; Area 15 Vocational-Technical School; school superintendents and school boards; TENCO Farm Business Association and Rural Electrification Administration.

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4-H members erecting a "Welcome to TENCO, the land of recreation and history." These signs appear on major highways that lead into the 10-county area.

IOWA TIME SCHEDULE

Monday, June 26, 1967

8:00 a.m.	-----Depart Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C.
9:15	-----Mrs. Freeman and party deplane at Clinton, Iowa for tour of Clinton-Cedar Rapids area
9:45	-----Arrive Ottumwa Airport, Ottumwa
10:00-11:10	-----Extension Conference Room, Ottumwa airport
11:10-11:30	-----Tour Iowa Technical school, on airport grounds.
11:30-12:30 p.m.	-----Lunch, Technical School Cafeteria
12:30-1:45	-----Enroute from Ottumwa to Centerville, driving by grazing area, rural churches, rural schools, Rural Renewal project, Rathbun Dam, housing construction, conservation areas.
1:45-2:00	-----Inspect Centerville industrial development
2:00-2:30	-----Meet with Centerville leaders
2:30-2:45	-----Centerville to Eddy farm
2:45-3:00	-----Inspect Eddy farm
3:00-3:45	-----Drive from Eddy farm to Streckler farm
3:45-4:15	-----Inspect Streckler farm
4:15-4:30	-----Drive from Streckler farm to Sample farm
4:30-5:00	-----Inspect Sample farm
5:00-5:45	-----Sample farm to Ottumwa airport
5:45	-----Depart Ottumwa airport for flight to Greenville, Mississippi.

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- Development #1 8:00 a.m., June 26, 1967 -- Depart Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C.
- 9:15 a.m. Mrs. Freeman deplanes at Clinton, Iowa for tour of Clinton-Cedar Rapids area.
- Development #2 9:45 a.m. Arrive Ottumwa Airport, Ottumwa, Iowa.
- Location: Extension Area Office in Airport Terminal Building -- second floor.
- Description: TENCO and Area Development Presentations
1. Dr. Marvin Anderson, Dean of Extension, Iowa State University.
 2. Dr. Melvin Everingham, Chairman of TENCO and Superintendent Area Vocational School, Ottumwa, Iowa.
 3. Labor Demonstration Project -- Mr. Dwayne Johnson, Director of Project, Department of Labor.
- (This is the first pilot project in the nation to demonstrate how rural areas can be assisted in a comprehensive manpower program. The program seeks to test, recruit, train and move employable persons to employment opportunities both in and out of a 12-county area. It works with TENCO, Office of Economic Opportunity and several other agencies. Federal costs are \$325,000 for two years with \$123,000 earmarked for costs of moving and counseling employable persons at terminal destination.)
4. Welfare situation in TENCO -- Mr. Everett Daggett, Regional Welfare Director.
- (Review and highlight the welfare problems in TENCO including food distribution and food stamp programs in the area.)

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5. Dimensions of Iowa Welfare -- Dr. Lee Kolmer, Extension Program Leader, Iowa State University.

(Announce new study and survey of overall welfare problems in the State and how it will be made available to all organizations and agencies -- Federal, State and local.)

6. Education and Industry at Ottumwa Airport -- Mr. Ralph Ransom, Manager of Ottumwa Industrial Airport.

(A brief review of how the old naval air station was converted to provide a technical training school and an industrial complex creating job opportunities for the area.)

Development #3 (Stop) Ottumwa Industrial Airport

Location: Vicinity of Ottumwa airport

Description: Secretary Freeman and tour group will observe the industrial complex and Iowa Tech vocational and technical training school before stopping at the cafeteria and Cooks School. A noon cafeteria style luncheon will be available (Dutch treat) by the students enrolled at the Cooks School.

(Students enrolled at the school come from rural areas. Some pay their own tuition while others are supported under the Manpower Development and Training Program.)

Development #4 Driving to Centerville

Location: Drive via Route 63 to Bloomfield and then Route 2 to Centerville -- approximately 50 miles.

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Description: Enroute several interesting programs relating to the TENCO progress will be explained to tour group as we drive by. Included will be: Area Grazing Associations, rural churches and schools, Regional Technical Action Panels, Rural Renewal programs and Rural Housing loans, Soil Conservation farm and watershed plans, Rural Electric Cooperatives and other background information about the area. Local agency representatives will narrate highlights.

Development #5 (Driving by) Centerville's developing industrial area and county court house square

Location: In the town of Centerville.

Description: In the county seat town of Centerville, Appanoose County, you will observe the new Union Carbide plant, McGraw-Edison Toastmaster plant, nursing home, Fuller Manufacturing and Morris Foundry. Above and beyond agriculture, the only basic employment in TENCO of major consequence is manufacturing. Industrial employment opportunities in Centerville have increased from 300 to over 1100 in the past few years.

Development #6 (Stop) Agricultural Center

Location: In the town of Centerville where all agricultural agencies serving the county are headquartered in one building providing more efficient services to farm and home interests.

Description: **Presentations:**

1. Centerville Industrial Growth -- Mr. Wilson Irving, local banker and community leader.

(Mr. Irving will present an interesting story and exciting story of how Centerville developed an environment to attract new industries and expand older ones. As a banker he regards

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agriculture as the basic economy for the area but recognizes the importance of industry to economic and social adjustments for rural areas. Property and building for one industry were publicly financed and leased to McGraw-Edison Company.)

2. Assistance to Small Businesses in TENCO Area -- Mr. Conrad E. Lawlor, Regional Small Business Administration Director.

(Eighty-five small business operators have attended courses on record keeping, customer relations, advertising and other subjects to improve business knowledge. Recently a new SCORE Chapter -- Service Corps of Retired Executives -- have volunteered their time and counsel to small business operators requesting help and advice at no cost.)

3. Economic Opportunity Programs -- Mr. Demitre Vignovich, Regional Community Action Program Director for Appanoose and Monroe Counties.

(Review of scope of programs designed to help underprivileged in the area -- National Youth Corps, Headstart, Meals on Wheels, Older Citizens Club, loans, grants, etc.)

4. Economic Development Act Program -- Mr. John W. Humphrey, Regional Farmers Home Administration Supervisor.

(Local communities have been interested in the feasibility of developing a mining industry for gypsum in Appanoose and Monroe counties. A recent grant approved by the Department of Commerce enables a survey study to begin in the near future.)

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Development #7 (Drive by if time permits)

Rathbun Dam

Location: About 10 miles outside Centerville off Route 60.

Description: The Rathbun Dam is a multi-million dollar project under construction by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is part of a general plan for flood control and area recreational use. The permanent dam will cover up to 21,000 acres of water and is scheduled for completion in 1969. The TENCO area and Northern Missouri area are particularly interested in the recreational and income potential of land surrounding the dam. It is presently estimated that a million visitors will come to the area each year.

Development #8 (Stop)

Loren E. Eddy Farm

Location: About 8 miles north of Centerville.

Description: Mr. Eddy is a young progressive farmer, 33 years of age, with a wife and four children. They operate a rented farm from his mother-in-law which consists of 460 acres. In 1956 the farm was all but abandoned and this young farmer having neither livestock or machinery was unable to secure credit. At the age of 22 he obtained his first loan from the Farmers Home Administration and has paid up a series of production loans amounting to \$15,000 in less time than required. He is currently securing conventional credit from a local bank.

His enterprise includes 280 acres of cropland, 100 odd acres of timber and 80 head of beef cattle. He also raises 500 pigs from 34 sows each year. A conservation plan has improved his income potential from the land and embraces 3800 feet of diversion terraces, a farm pond, 10 acres of grass waterway and 35 acres of birdsfoot trefoil.

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In addition to Mr. Eddy's success in farming, he has been a leader in his community. He serves on the Appanoose County Fair Board, the TENCO Agricultural Committee and is Co-chairman of Appanoose Watershed Association. His main problem is access to more capital for expansion of his farm enterprise.

Development #9 (Stop)

Earl "Hank" Strickler Farm and Welding Business

Location:

On route 60 near Albia

Description:

Mr. Strickler, age 37, his wife and six children, typify the small family farm in the TENCO area. He owns only 72 acres much of which cannot be profitably farmed. He purchased the farm in 1963. To supplement his small farm he rents 135 additional acres which provides him additional pasture for his 10 dairy cows and 60 acres of bottomland for corn production.

As a boy, Mr. Strickler grew up in a coal mining family. He worked as a farm hand, greenskeeper, and with the Fuller Manufacturing Company. Neither position provided sufficient income for his growing family needs.

In 1965 he obtained a Farmers Home Administration - Economic Opportunity loan of \$2500 to help him establish a welding business, a trade he had learned while employed by the Fuller Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Strickler is happy about his prospects of increased farm income as well as the additional income from his welding business. Although his net income is still within the poverty scale he feels he has made considerable progress and is making plans for developing his woodland and farm ponds for recreational purposes. All U. S. Department of Agriculture agencies have assisted him in his plans to improve his farm and increase his income potential.

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On Mr. Strickler's farm a conservation plan has provided 1/2 mile of terracing, 2 ponds and 2 acres of brush control. Agricultural Conservation Program funds have aided him in renovating 15 acres of cropland seeding and terracing. He is a typical TENCO farmer -- striving to develop income enough to support his family.

Development #10 (Stop) Wayne L. Sample Farm and Camping Grounds

Location: Outside Albia on Route 34

Description: The Sample farm consists of 281 acres much of which is in timber with 40 acres in cropland. The farm with its recent improvements supports 16 beef cows but is far short of providing an adequate income for Mr. Sample, his wife and four children -- ages 10 to 16.

Mr. Sample was employed by the John Deere Company for 25 years and chose to select their early retirement plan which becomes effective at age 62. Mr. Sample is now 44 years of age.

In 1962 Mr. and Mrs. Sample made application to the Farmers Home Administration for a \$23,500 loan to refinance their farm, complete a residence and develop a recreation enterprise. With the help of the Soil Conservation Service, he developed a recreational plan for 80 individual tent sites, together with picnic ground and water facilities. Additional plans are ready for 80 trailers, 20 of which have connections for water, sewer and electricity. The remainder can avail themselves of a clean and attractive water and shower facilities on the grounds. He recently sold a group of saddle horses which he reports he had to give up due to the high insurance costs which consumed any profit he was able to make.

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Mr. Sample invites local groups to use his grounds for outings, picnics, trap shooting, coon dog training and fishing.

He recently added a sales outlet for camping and house trailers which has far exceeded his expectations for income potential. Presently, this overshadows his camping business which has been reduced by a highway improvement program on Route 34 detouring traffic away from his farm.

Mr. Sample's story is an interesting one and he only wishes he had started years before.

Development #11 (Stop)

Arrive Ottumwa Airport for flight to Greenville, Mississippi.

Departure time -- approximately 5:15 p.m.

IOWA TOUR FOR MRS. ORVILLE FREEMAN

June 26, 1967

8:00 a.m. Depart Andrews Air Force Base

9:15 a.m. Arrive Clinton Airport, Clinton, Iowa.
(To be met by Wilford A. Lewis, Director,
Clinton Job Corps Center for Women.)

9:30 a.m. Arrive Clinton Job Corps Center for Women.

9:30-10:30 a.m. Tour Clinton Job Corps Center

10:30 a.m. Depart for Clinton Airport

11:00 a.m. Depart Clinton Airport
(Fly to Linn Aire, Inc. -- private airfield --
courtesy Iowa State University plane which is
a 5-passenger plane.)
(To be met by Robert Wegmuller, County Office
Manager for the Agricultural Stabilization and
Conservation Service, Henrietta VanMaanen,
Home Economist for Cooperative Extension
Service and others.)

11:45 a.m. Arrive Hiawatha School to observe Project
Headstart.
(Iowa State University Cooperative Extension
Service has a contract with the Linn County Office
of Economic Opportunity for Home and Family
Living programs including Headstart. Henrietta
VanMaanen is in charge.)

12:45 p.m. Drive to G. W. Matsell estate. The Matsell
estate is being developed by the Linn County
Conservation Board as a recreation and educational
area.

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The project has received a grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture Greenspan program to assist in the purchase and development of the estate which contains 600 acres of timber and 400 acres of cropland.

1:15 p.m.

A box lunch picnic will be held in honor of Mrs. Freeman's visit and a short program will follow. (Dutch treat lunch -- \$1.50)

(Approximately 150-200 persons will attend including representation from Garden Clubs, 4-H Clubs, Farm Women's Organizations and local civic leaders.)

The program will be taped by WMT-TV for Mary Jane Voss -- Womens Fair Show.

2:30 p.m.

Depart Matsell estate and drive to Palo.

2:50 p.m.

Arrive Palo.

(A visit will be made to a family of nine children living in a Farmers Home Administration financed home. This family has been counseled by home economists through the Home and Family Living programs of the Cooperative Extension Service.)

3:15 p.m.

Depart Palo for Airport -- 1/2 hour drive.

3:45 p.m.

Depart for Ottumwa Airport -- from Linn Aire or Cedar Rapids Municipal Airport (depending on time.)

4:45 p.m.

Arrive Ottumwa airport.

5:00-5:15 p.m.

Rejoin Secretary Freeman's group and depart for Greenville, Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPI TIME SCHEDULE

Monday, June 26, 1967

About 7:00 p.m.-----Arrive Greenville airport from Ottumwa, Iowa

7:15 - 7:45 -----Tour MDTP area at Greenville airport

7:45 - 8:00 -----Transportation to Downtowner Motor Inn (Dinner
on your own and overnight stop)

Tuesday, June 27, 1967

7:30 - 7:55 -----Downtowner (Greenville) to Delta Pine

7:55 - 8:15 -----Drive through Delta Pine

8:15 - 9:05 -----Delta Pine to Cleveland

9:05 - 9:15 -----Cleveland to Mound Bayou

9:15 - 10:15 -----Mound Bayou (STOP)

10:15 - 11:15 -----Mound Bayou to Sherard

11:15 - 11:40 -----Sherard to Carr farm

11:40 - 12:20 -----Carr farm (STOP)

12:20 - 12:40 -----Drive by OEO

12:40 - 1:30 -----Buffet at Holiday Inn (STOP)

1:30 - 2:10 -----Drive Clarksdale to Batesville

2:10 - 2:30 -----West Batesville Farmers Association (STOP)

2:30 - 2:45 -----Irby House (STOP)

2:45 - 3:00 -----Stock House (STOP)

3:00 - 3:15 -----Graham farm shop (STOP)

3:15 - 3:45 -----Batesville to Oxford

3:45 - 4:45 -----Flakeboard plant dedication (STOP)

4:45 - 5:30 -----Tour ARS Soil Sedimentation Laboratory and SCS Office
(STOP)

5:30 - 7:00 -----Outdoor barbecue (STOP)

7:00 - 7:30 -----Arrive Oxford airport and fly time to Tupelo

7:30 - 9:00 -----Industry, Agricultural & Forestry Dev. briefing (STOP)

9:00 - 9:45 -----Fly Tupelo to Van DeGraaf Field near Tuscaloosa, Ala.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - MISSISSIPPI

Monday, June 26, 1967

Development #1 (Stop) Greenville Airport -- Manpower Development and Training Program (Administered with help of federal funds provided through U. S. Department of Labor).
(Arrive from Ottumwa, Iowa about 7:00 P.M.)

Location: Metcalfe, seven miles northeast of Greenville.

Person(s) In Charge of Stop (30 minutes): With Pat Dunne, Mayor of Greenville assisted by Don Wylie, general manager, Greenville Chamber of Commerce, observe an 11-course training program conducted in buildings formerly part of U. S. Air Force base in World War II. See classrooms and equipment used to teach mechanical drawing, basic and advanced clerk stenography, small gas engine repair, electrical appliance repair, nurse's aide, auto mechanics, auto body repair, woodworking machine operator, machinist, electric and gas welding. A total 538 persons -- many unemployable or in extremely low paying jobs -- have been enrolled in the Manpower Development and Training Act course. About 80 percent of enrollees are Negro. A total 177 have completed the course of which 111 are presently employed. MDTA school director is Kelly Lee. Program was implemented and is currently operated by the Greenville school system under direction of Superintendent W. B. "Bert" Thompson. Plans are underway to expand the school program to alleviate many of the personal and employment problems caused by farm mechanization.

Development # 2 (Stop) Overnight Stop in Greenville at Downtowner Motor Inn

Location: Downtowner Greenville.

Person(s) In Charge of Stop: Don Wylie, general manager, Greenville Chamber of Commerce and Bob Nipp, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Description: New motel, swimming pool, and dining room. Innkeeper is Mart Pettorini. Rooms 114 and 116 have been reserved for press and have typewriters and other equipment. Western Union Office is one block away at 133 South Poplar Street, phone 332-5486. Will remain open until 9:00 P.M. Western Union operator is E. L. Vanlandingham.

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Special Note: All plane personnel will be pre-registered at Downtowner. Baggage will be transferred from plane direct to motel rooms.

Tuesday, June 27, 1967

Development #3 (Driving through) From Greenville overnight stop to Delta and Pine Land Company plantation
(Leave Downtowner Motor Inn at 7:30 A.M.)

Location: Scott, 14 miles north of Greenville on Highway #1
(25 minutes from Downtowner to farm headquarters)

Person(s) In Charge of Drive-through (20 minutes): Early Ewing, Vice-President and Director of Research, Delta and Pine Land Company.

Description: View drastic change in farming operations. Some 15 years ago, this 30,000 acre land area was farmed by sharecroppers raising patches of cotton. Since that time there has been a switch to a highly mechanized farming program with a heavy capital investment in land leveling to permit flood irrigation for rice and furrow irrigation for other crops, use of chemical weed and insect killers, use of anhydrous ammonia fertilizer to provide soil nitrogen. In 1967, plantation is growing 6,300 acres cotton, 6,300 acres soybeans, 1,600 acres of rice, 1,200 acres wheat, 200 acres of corn, and 30 acres of cucumbers and tomatoes (grown on a pilot basis). Some 2,500 Hereford beef cattle graze the grassland on the levees along the Mississippi River. Despite extensive use of farm chemicals, good management is resulting in a substantial increase in wildlife on the plantation. About 280 of the 340 families on the plantation are Negro. Management has made good progress in providing families with improved housing, recreational facilities and working conditions. The plantation has its own plant breeding farm and developed the Delta Pine smooth leaf cotton, a high producing variety especially adapted to mechanical harvesting.

Public Address System: T. B. Fatheree, Farmers Home Administration State Director for Mississippi will use P. A. System during first 10 minutes after leaving Downtowner to give brief resume of day's trip. Early Ewing, Delta Pine, will use P. A. system during remainder of ride through to Benoit and on to Cleveland to explain the plantation's farming operations and delta agriculture in general.

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Development #4 (Stop) Mound Bayou

Location: Highway 61, straight north of Cleveland.

Person(s) In Charge of Stop (One hour): Dorris L. Ward, Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor for Bolivar County and Earl E. Davis, Bolivar County Community Action Program Director.

Description: Inspect Office of Economic Opportunity financed Headstart project, visit with 28-member Community Action Program board of directors and see food stamp distribution. Past CAP President-Sam Long, Bolivar County planter. New President for coming year is R. T. Searcy. Drive through Mound Bayou and to recreation area four miles west of town to see Farmers Home Administration financed housing and recreational facilities. New John F. Kennedy Elementary School. Meet F. W. "Wattie" Bishop, mayor of Cleveland and Wesley Liddell, mayor of Mound Bayou. Visit Jeff Franklin and C. L. Gibson homes if time permits.

Public Address System: Earl Davis will explain OEO program during the drive from Cleveland to Mound Bayou. FHA County Supervisor Dorris Ward assisted by FHA State Director Fatherree will discuss FHA programs in county during drive-through Mound Bayou to recreation project, back to Mound Bayou and to Duncan.

Development #5 (Driving through) Rena Lara and Sherard Communities

Location: On Highway #1

Person(s) In Charge: Beuford L. Watkins, FHA County Supervisor in Coahoma County.

Description: See a farm resettlement project established by the Farm Security Administration (now known as Farmers Home Administration) in 1937. Background information on project will be handed out on the bus.

Special Note: About 60 minutes driving time from Mound Bayou to Sherard.

Public Address System: FHA County Supervisor Watkins assisted by T. B. Fatherree, Mississippi FHA State Director.

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Development #6 (Stop) Andrew Carr farm (Coahoma County)

Location: Seven miles south of Clarksdale on County Road.

Person(s) In Charge: Andrew and Oscar Carr.
of Stop (40 minutes):

Description: Review efforts to improve agriculture production, use of modern agricultural technology, progress in providing better housing for farm workers with help of Farmers Home Administration farm labor housing loan program. Mr. Carr obtained the first FHA farm labor housing loan in Mississippi. He combined the \$60,000 loan with \$15,000 of his own funds and is constructing one duplex and eight single-family units on six acres of land for his farm laborers. Sewage disposal will be handled through a lagoon system. Coahoma county's population is about 68 percent Negro.

Special Note: About 25 minutes driving time Sherard to Carr farm. Drive through and stop time at Carr farm an additional 40 minutes.

Public Address System: Andrew Carr will discuss his operations while traveling from Sherard to his farm.

Development #6-A (Stop) Friars Point -- Mrs. Freeman

Location: 12 miles northeast of Sherard on county road.

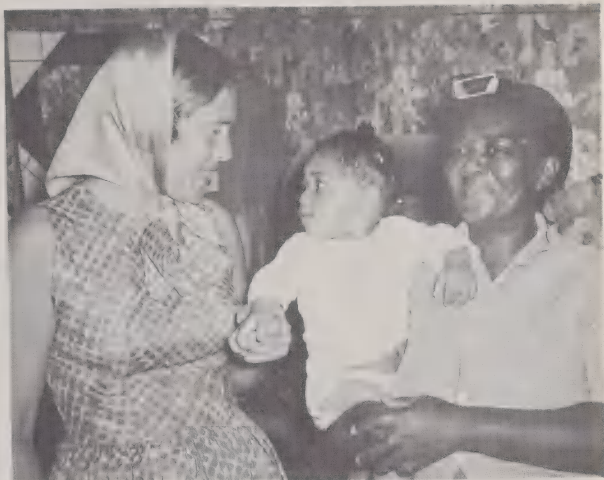
Person In Charge: Mrs. Helen D. Scott, Farmers Home Administration.

Description: With Mrs. Helen D. Scott, FHA home management supervisor, visit: (1) Mr. and Mrs. Will Greer who used a \$2,500 FHA economic opportunity loan to establish a small grocery store in this predominately Negro community (2) the Sammie Lee Smith family who improved their housing and (3) a low-income large family now living in extremely poor housing and unable under existing programs to qualify for improved housing. If time permits visit the small 11-acre Frank Stone farm -- where the family with the help of Mrs. Scott is practicing a live-at-home program. The Stones nearly lost their farm because they were unable to repay a high interest rate short term loan. Some \$3,200 in FHA funds were used to refinance the private loan and establish some income-producing enterprises.



Andrew Carr, Coahoma County farmer obtained the first Farmers Home Administration loan in Mississippi, to construct farm labor housing. He is using a \$60,000 loan plus \$15,000 of his own funds to construct one duplex and eight single-family units on six acres of land. Sewage disposal will be handled through a lagoon system. Families moving into this housing will have inside water and bath for the first time. Each housing unit will contain 950 square feet of heated area and features 3 bedrooms, bath, central heat, attic fan, carport and garden space. From left to right are: T. B. Fatherree, Mississippi FHA state director; Andrew Carr, Lawyer Wheeler, the subcontractor for the masonry and also small farmer and James E. Thornton, Office of the Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Mr. Carr is also serving as president of the board of directors of Coahoma Opportunities, local community action agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stock (Panola County) with children and grandchildren are presently living in a small house without water or bath. In early July, 1967, they will move into a new, modern 3-bedroom house which they are financing with a \$6,900 FHA loan. Monthly payments of principal and interest will be \$37. Mr. Stock earns about \$3,300 yearly working at a local manufacturing plant. To the left of Mrs. Stock is Miss Kate Alfriend, information specialist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C.



Mr. and Mrs. Emmett "Ralph" Irby (Panola County) and their seven children age 5 through 14, recently moved into a new four-bedroom home built with help of a \$10,280 Farmers Home Administration loan. Principal and interest payments will be \$643 a year. Mr. Irby also obtained a \$2,500 FHA economic opportunity loan to build and equip a barber shop and a \$1,080 FHA loan to finance his 1967 farm crop. This is the first time they have lived in a house with inside bath and water.



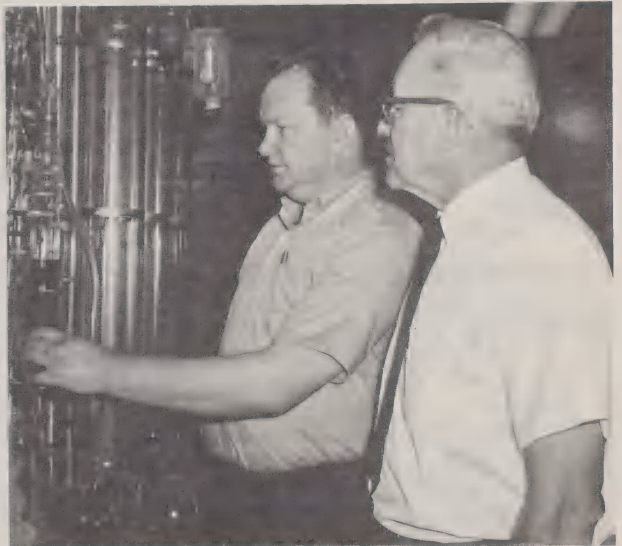
K. M. (Mickey) Hayward, right, head, state design unit, Soil Conservation Service, and Van Minton, supervisor of drafting, review drawing board plans for a floodwater retarding structure. The unit drafts plans for all types of soil and water erosion control structures-translating into action research developed by the soil sedimentation laboratory. Oxford, Lafayette County, Mississippi.



Families in the Mound Bayou area (Bolivar County) formed the Mound Bayou Recreation & Conservation League and borrowed \$114,000 from Farmers Home Administration to purchase 81 acres of land and to build a lake, community building, boat dock, picnic area, car parking area and house for the grounds keeper. The lake will cover 60 acres and will be used for fishing and swimming. It will be stocked with bass and bream under the supervision of the biologist of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Game and Fish Commission, and the Soil Conservation Service. Membership in the organization is \$25 and annual dues will be \$25. Income will also be received from boat rentals, sale of bait and concessions. An estimated 3,000 persons will use the facility.



R. J. Miles, left, president of the West Batesville Farmers Association in Panola County, Mississippi, and T. B. Fatherree, Mississippi State Director of USDA's Farmers Home Administration. One-hundred and fifty-five low-income farmers in the area formed a co-op, obtained a 10-year FHA economic opportunity loan of \$113,000, and purchased three cotton pickers, three combines, six trailers, four trucks, and one sprayer—expensive equipment needed to efficiently produce and harvest their cotton, wheat, soybeans, field peas, okra, and other crops.



Donald A. Parsons, right, director of the soil sedimentation laboratory and Milo Ryan, chemist, check reaction from carbon 14, a radio-active material used to determine age of organic matter buried in soil sediment. Operated near Oxford, Mississippi by USDA's Agricultural Research Service, the facility is the only one of its kind in the United States dedicated solely to research in sedimentation.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - MISSISSIPPI

Special Note:

Mrs. Freeman will travel with Mrs. Scott by car. Additional transportation will be furnished to others who wish to make this stop. Mrs. Scott is one of 62 FHA home management supervisors in the United States who is working in this new pilot program.

Development #7 (Drive-by) Coahoma County OEO Neighborhood Service Center, Vocational Training School, Basic Adult Education School, and OEO STAR center (Systematic Training and Rehabilitation, Inc.)

Location: Clarksdale

Person(s) In Charge of Drive By (20 minutes): Andrew Carr

Description: Programs financed with assistance from Office of Economic Opportunity. STAR is a program started by the Catholic Church to teach basic subjects -- reading, writing, etc. -- and the course lasts for three months. Anyone may enroll and students completing course may re-enroll if desired. Basic Adult Education School is a seven-month course and available only to migrant laborers. Coahoma County has only: (1) legal aid program (2) credit union, and (3) neighborhood service center for recreation and community organization in Mississippi which are financed with assistance from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Public Address System: Andrew Carr, a member of the Coahoma County OEO Community Action Program board of directors, will explain OEO activities.

Development #8 (Stop) Buffet luncheon at Holiday Inn in Clarksdale (40 minutes)

Location: East edge of Clarksdale near junction of U. S. Highway 61 North and Highway 6 East.

Development #8-A (Stop) Clarksdale -- Coahoma County Extension Service -- Mrs. Freeman

Location: Downtown Clarksdale

Person(s) In Charge of Stop (60 minutes): Mrs. Willie D. Felder, Mississippi State Extension Service.

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Description: Buffet-type luncheon with 20 to 25 ladies in community. Luncheon to be from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. Special recognition for extension home agent who recently retired. Following luncheon, Mrs. Freeman will join main tour group at Clarksdale Holiday Inn for trip to Batesville.

Development #9 (Driving through) Clarksdale to Batesville (Panola County)

Location: Batesville is 37 miles east of Clarksdale on Highway 6.

Person(s) In Charge T. B. Fatherree, Mississippi, State Director, FHA
(40 minutes drive time):

Description: Trip will take group through agriculture area where many families have been displaced because of mechanization and revolution in farming practices.

Public Address C. W. Sullivan, State Chairman of USDA's Agricultural
System: Stabilization and Conservation Service, will discuss ASCS programs during ride from Clarksdale to Marks (about 25 miles). R. J. Miles, president of West Batesville Farmers Association, will discuss operations of cooperative financed through the Farmers Home Administration with funds from the Office of Economic Opportunity on drive from Marks to Batesville. Mr. Miles will be assisted by William K. McGehee, FHA County Supervisor for Panola County and T. B. Fatherree, Mississippi FHA State Director.

Development #10 (Stop) West Batesville Farmers Association (Panola County)

Location: Few miles west of Batesville on county road.

Person(s) In Charge R. J. Miles, farm co-op president and William K.
of Stop (20 minutes): McGehee, FHA County Supervisor for Panola County.

Description: One-hundred and fifty-five low income farmers formed a co-op and obtained a 10 year Economic Opportunity cooperative loan of \$113,000 from the Farmers Home Administration to finance essential farm equipment that will directly improve members' ability to remain on farms and increase incomes. Before the loan, the members could not individually afford the necessary harvesting and other special

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purpose equipment needed to efficiently produce and harvest their crops of cotton and soybeans. They could rent mechanical pickers and combines, but because of their smaller acreages, they had to wait until the big plantations had been served. Often this waiting resulted in weather ruining or impairing quality of their crops. The cooperative purchased three cotton pickers, three combines, six trailers, four trucks, one "Hi-Boy" sprayer, three acres of land and constructed an equipment shed and office. The loan also included funds for a water supply, site preparation, initial operating expenses and other miscellaneous items.

Development #11 (Stop) Emmett "Ralph" Irby home

Location: Adjoins West Batesville Farmers Association.

Person(s) In Charge of Stop (15 minutes): William K. McGehee, Panola County Farmers Home Administration Supervisor.

Description: Mr. and Mrs. Irby, and seven children age 5 through 14, were living in a badly dilapidated house on their small farm. They obtained a \$10,280 FHA loan to build a new four-bedroom house and moved in about six months ago. Payments of principal and interest are \$643 a year. Mr. Irby also obtained a \$2,500 economic opportunity loan from FHA to build and equip a barber shop. He also is using \$1,080 in FHA funds to finance his 1967 crop. The Irbys own 58 acres of land and rent 40 acres. This year they are raising 7 acres cotton and 30 acres soybeans on their own farm and 5.6 acres cotton and 12 acres soybeans on rented land. He expects to gross about \$4,000 from farming in 1967. Additional income from barbering and wife working in town.

Special Note: Irby is member of West Batesville co-op. Tour group will see both old and new house and meet family.

Development #12 (Stop) Dan and Edith Stock

Location: Adjoins Irby home.

Person(s) In Charge of Stop (15 minutes): William K. McGehee, Panola County Farmers Home Administration Supervisor.

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Description: Mr. and Mrs. Stock with children and grandchildren are presently living in a badly dilapidated house. He earns about \$3,300 yearly working at a local manufacturing plant. A \$6,900 FHA loan is helping them to build a new 3-bedroom wood frame home complete with inside bath and water. Monthly payments of principal and interest will be \$37.

Special Note: Tour group will see both old and new house and meet family.

Development #13 (Stop) Ira Graham

Location: Adjoins West Batesville Farmers Association

Person(s) In Charge of Stop (15 minutes): William K. McGehee, Panola County Farmers Home Administration Supervisor.

Description: Mr. Graham obtained a \$1,850 FHA economic opportunity loan in February 1965 to build a farm machinery repair shop and buy necessary equipment. In March 1966, he obtained a subsequent loan of \$650 to purchase additional shop equipment. Total payments of interest and principal on both loans is \$190 a year. Repayment period-10 years. In 1966, the shop helped Mr. Graham add \$1,295 to his annual income.

Development #14 (Drive through) Batesville to Oxford (Lafayette County)

Location: Oxford is about 25 miles east of Batesville on Highway 6.

Person(s) In Charge of Drive through (30 minutes): T. B. Fatherree, Mississippi FHA State Director.

Description: W. L. Heard, State Conservationist for Mississippi Soil Conservation Service, will discuss soil and water problems and erosion control measures on drive from Batesville to Oxford City limits. Louis S. Zehnder, manager Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce and Wynn Moseley, representative of firm building new flakeboard plant will join group at city limits and ride through to dedication site to explain project.

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Development #15 (Stop) Site of Proposed \$7 million flakeboard plant

Location: Two miles north of Oxford on Highway 7.

Person(s) In Charge of Stop (One hour): Ralph E. Watts, FHA County Supervisor in Lafayette County, Wynn Moseley, U. S. Plywood-Champion Papers Inc. and Louis Zehnder, Manager, Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce.

Description: Ground breaking ceremonies for new \$7 million flakeboard plant. Will be world's largest, provide 300 jobs and a \$1.5 million annual payroll, construction to begin August 1967. Plant will require about 130,000 cords of pulpwood annually. Major portion of plant's raw materials will be purchased from private landowners. Some 1/2 million acres of privately held pine forests in area -- established as part of major erosion and flood prevention program. Soil Conservation Service, Forest Service and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service helped farmers start tree planting program 20 years ago to reclaim gullied and eroding cotton acreages. Flakeboard is made through a special process of grinding and blending soft woods and hardwoods and treating with chemicals, pressure and heat to form a flat, three-ply material. The flakeboard takes an overlay of veneer and is used among other things to make table tops and other furniture.

Development #16 (Stop) Soil Sedimentation Laboratory

Location: Edge of Oxford near airport

Person(s) In Charge of Stop (30 minutes): Dr. Amson Bertrand and Donald A. Parsons of Agricultural Research Service and K. M. (Mickey) Hayward, of Soil Conservation Service.

Description: They will explain work being carried out through the Agricultural Research Service with nuclear and hydraulic techniques to see how water affects the erodibility of different kinds of soils and how SCS is translating the research into action -- designing flood water retarding structures, desilting dams and other soil control structures.

Development #17 Outdoor Barbecue (90 minutes)

Development #18 (Fly) Oxford to Tupelo (30 minutes)

Description: Fly from Oxford airport to Tupelo airport.

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Development #19 (Stop) Industry, Agricultural and Forestry Development
(90 minutes)

Location: Tupelo

Person(s) In Charge: Richard C. Twitty, Lee County Agent and Elmer L.
Grice, County Supervisor, FHA.

Description: Local leaders will brief Secretary on (1) Industrial development financed by rural co-ops and directed by an area development foundation that has made Tupelo one of the fastest growing towns in the State and has placed 3,000 industrial jobs in the small towns and unincorporated areas of Lee County, outside Tupelo; (2) Need for housing, particularly for low-income farm workers, to keep people on the land and the problems of financing this housing; (3) An all-purpose education center, that carries from pre-school to college and adult education, and (4) Assistance to farmers. Three or four local leaders will make brief 6 to 7 minute presentations on various phases of the Community of Tomorrow work underway in the Tupelo area. Jimmy Short, a district ranger with the Forest Service and Nelson Amendment workers from Holly Springs National Forest will make a 10-minute slide presentation.

Development #20 (Fly) Fly Tupelo, Mississippi to Van DeGraaf Field near
Tuscaloosa, Alabama (45 minutes fly time)

ALABAMA TIME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 27, 1967

9:45 p.m. ----- Arrive Van DeGraaf Field near Tuscaloosa,
Alabama and go for overnight stop to Hotel
Stafford, Tuscaloosa

Wednesday, June 28, 1967

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. ----- Technical Action Panel meeting, Hotel Stafford
University Room

9:00 - 10:00 ----- Tuscaloosa to Eutaw

10:00 - 10:30 ----- Food Stamp Office

10:30 - 10:45 ----- Bruce Industries, small defense contractor

10:45 - 11:00 ----- Eutaw to Forkland area

11:00 - 11:45 ----- Tour farms in Forkland area

11:45 - 12:00 N ----- Drive from farm area to Forkland

12:00 - 12:15 p.m.----- Visit food stamp store and participate in work
on foundation of garment factory

12:15 - 12:30 ----- Forkland to Demopolis

12:30 - 1:30 ----- Lunch

1:30 - 1:45 ----- Meet Mayor Bailey and tour town

1:45 - 2:30 ----- Meet with city leaders to discuss area development
(Mrs. Freeman to make separate tour of beautification
projects during this time period)

2:30 - 2:45 ----- Demopolis to Linden

2:45 - 3:10 ----- Inspect Commodity Distribution Center

3:10 - 4:00 ----- Linden Methodist Church Recreation Hall for
Technical Action Panel meeting

4:00 - 4:15 ----- Linden to Vineland-Magnolia area

4:15 - 4:45 ----- Inspect farms in area

4:45 - 6:00 ----- Vineland-Magnolia area to Craig Air Force Base

6:15 - 7:30 ----- Fly from Craig Air Force base to Evansville, Indian

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS -- ALABAMA

Tuesday, June 27, 1967

Development #1 (9:45 p.m.) Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Arrive Van DeGraaf Field near Tuscaloosa from Mississippi. Bus will transfer party to Hotel Stafford in downtown Tuscaloosa for overnight stay.

Wednesday, June 28, 1967

Development #2 (8:00 a.m.) University Room, Stafford Hotel, TAP meeting

Attend a regular meeting of USDA's "Technical Action Panel" for Alabama. Robert C. Bamberg, Alabama State Director of USDA's Farmers Home Administration, serves as chairman; and Secretary Freeman will participate in his capacity as an ex officio member of all Technical Action Panels.

Technical Action Panels, with membership composed of representatives of USDA agencies, provide "one-stop service" to communities seeking help to carry out major developments. They help local leaders identify problems that are blocking economic and social growth, and to locate Federal and State services that can be used in solving those problems.

Development #3 (9:15 a.m.) Enroute to Eutaw

County Agent for Tuscaloosa County to provide a commentary, en route, on Alabama in general, on the Black Belt, and on Tuscaloosa County in particular.
Russell H. James, of USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service, to give a summary of food programs in Alabama.
John Hunt, of the Alabama Department of Pensions and Security, to give a particularized description of food programs in Greene County and in Eutaw.
County Agent for Greene County to provide commentary on the area.

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Development #4 (10:00 a.m.) Greene County Food Stamp Office

Secretary and Mrs. Freeman to be shown the procedure through which applicants are interviewed, and -- if they are eligible -- certified for participation. Then, how they pay the money they would normally spend for food -- and, in return, are issued food coupons giving them a bonus of increased food buying power. Exact amounts depend on income and size of family. Meet with staff of the Food Stamp Office, with applicants, and with representatives of local grocers who are certified to take part in the program.

Development #5 (10:30 a.m.) Bruce Industries

Tour Bruce Industries plant with Probate Judge Dennis Herndon. This is a small defense plant that helps provide non-farm jobs in this area.

Development #6 (11:10 a.m.) Farms in Forkland area

Visit with families and farmers in this area, where changes in agriculture are greatly reducing the need for farm labor; where many farm workers have been thrown out of work; and where many more have suffered sharp cuts in income. Farmers are having to make drastic adjustments in their traditional farming patterns and practices; some farmers are being driven off of the land; others are moving into new crops.

Development #7 (12:00 N) Food Stamp store and factory in Forkland

Visit Rev. William M. Branch's store, which is taking part in the Food Stamp Program. Participate in work on the foundation of a garment factory now under construction.

Development #8 (12:30 p.m.) Lunch at Demopolis

Development #9 (1:30 p.m.) Tour Demopolis with Mayor Bailey

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Development #10A (1:45 p.m.) Conference on area development

Mayor, City Council, Chamber of Commerce's Agricultural and Industrial Committees, presidents of local banks, and other representatives of the business community. Area development in this trading metropolis will be discussed, emphasizing the mutual interest in its economic development, with a reporting of what is being done, what is being planned, what problems are being encountered, and what can be done to promote working together more effectively.

Development #10B (1:45 p.m.) Beautification tour by Mrs. Freeman

While the Secretary is meeting with city officials, the Demopolis Garden Clubs will escort Mrs. Freeman, and others of the Secretary's party who wish to accompany her, on a beautification tour, which will include Gaineswood, called "the finest Greek revival mansion in the South," and other attractions.

Development #11 (2:30 p.m.) Enroute to Linden

John Hunt, Alabama Department of Pensions and Security, to describe the new family food donation program being started in Marengo County.

Development #12 (2:45 p.m.) Commodity Distribution Center

Observe preparations for starting a commodity distribution program in Marengo. This will be the third day of the certification of applicants -- much of the work being accomplished with the aid of volunteer workers. Other periods for certification have been scheduled for other locations around the county, to make it as easy as possible for all who are eligible to take part in the program. Observe the certification process, and talk both with workers and with applicants. Tour the warehouse which will be used to store and distribute commodities -- part of what was a cotton gin complex, but now has been empty because of the loss of the cotton business. Assist in the unloading of the first food shipments to arrive to the warehouse, for distribution to needy families.

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Development #13 (3:15 p.m.) TAP Meeting, Linden Methodist Church Recreation Hall

Observe a regular meeting of USDA's Technical Action Panel at the county level -- for Marengo County. Sam Ledbetter, County Supervisor for USDA's Farmers Home Administration, will serve in his capacity as County Chairman of TAP; and Secretary Freeman will take part in his capacity as ex officio member of all Technical Action Panels.

Development #14 (4:00 p.m.) Enroute to Vineland-Magnolia

County Agent for Greene County to provide commentary on the area; and point out the sharp change, a few miles below Linden, from the area of the Black Belt to that of the Lower Coastal Plain.

Development #15 (4:15 p.m.) Farms in Vineland-Magnolia area

Visit with farmers in this area, where the mule still often provides the power for plowing, cultivating, and other farm work -- and for trips to town. This is an area where many farmers struggle to wrest a living from the soil; many are having their farms sold out from under them to large-scale operators who plant the land to trees for the production of pulp and of lumber.

Development #16 (4:45 p.m.) Enroute Craig Air Force Base

County Agent for Dallas County to provide commentary on that county.

Development #17 (6:15 p.m.) Craig Air Force Base

Board plane and depart for Evansville, Indiana.

INDIANA TIME SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 28, 1967

7:30 p.m. ----- Arrive Evansville, Ind. for overnight at Ramada Inn

Thursday, June 29, 1967

7:30 a.m. ----- Breakfast Ramada Inn

8:30 - 9:00 ----- Evansville to Spencer County

9:00 - 9:15 ----- Drive by Baker Creek Project

9:15 - 9:45 ----- Baker Creek Project to Grandview

9:45 - 10:00 ----- Frank Orendorf (STOP)

10:00 - 10:30 ----- Grandview to Storrs Wood Products Inc.

10:30 - 11:00 ----- Storrs factory (STOP)

11:00 - 11:15 ----- Storrs to Dutchman's Restaurant, Evanston

11:15 - Noon ----- Lincoln Hills RC&D Project Meeting

Noon - 1:00 p.m. ----- Lunch

1:00 - 1:30 ----- Evanston to Tell City

1:30 - 2:00 ----- Tour Tell City by bus

2:00 - 2:30 ----- Visit Head Start Program (STOP)

2:30 - 2:45 ----- Needmore Area

2:45 - 3:00 ----- Tell City to Saddle Lake Recreation Area

3:00 - 3:45 ----- Dedication recreation lake (STOP)

3:45 - 4:00 ----- Saddle Lake to Branchville Job Corps Center

4:00 - 6:00 ----- Tour Center

6:00 - 7:00 ----- Job Corps Center to French Lick Airport

7:00 ----- Depart for Washington

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - INDIANA

Wednesday, June 28, 1967

Development #1 (7:30 p.m.) Evansville, Ind., Airport

Arrive Evansville, Ind., from Alabama. Representatives from the Evansville Mayor's Office and Chamber of Commerce will greet Secretary Freeman and his wife. Plane personnel will be preregistered at Ramada Inn in downtown Evansville. Baggage will be transferred from plane direct to motel. Tour group will be taken by bus.

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Development #2 (7:30 a.m.) Ramada Inn TAP Breakfast

Breakfast at motel with Indiana State Technical Action Panel. Depart Evansville 8:30 a.m. via bus.

Development #3 (9:00 a.m.) Enter four county Lincoln Hills Resource Conservation and Development Project area

Enroute through Spencer County, Joe Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, and Stan Watts, county agent, will explain the Baker Creek Improvement Project, a Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) measure covering 30,000 acres. This area contains some of the most productive land in the million acre Lincoln Hills RC&D project. Primary problem is flooding which occurs four out of five years. The Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Spencer County Board of Commissioners have received a \$100,000 loan through Farmers Home Administration (FHA) to clean Baker Creek and develop other drainage channels.

Development #4 (9:15 a.m.) Enroute to Grandview, Ind.

Raymond Schulthise, vice president of the Dale State Bank at Grandview, will be on the bus to explain the FHA financed homes and water system, the problems of obtaining rural credit, and future plans of the small community (600 population).

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Bus will drive by new home development. Prior to this no new homes had been built in the city since World War II.

Development #5 (9:45 a.m.) Stop at home of Green Thumb Worker

Frank Orendorf, 75, is employed through Green Thumb, an Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) financed program that offers employment to elderly rural men. Their main project is stabilizing and beautifying county road banks by planting grass and trees on them.

Orendorf has recently opened up a savings account at the local bank, the first he has had in his entire life.

Development #6 (10:00 a.m.) Enroute to Storrs Wood Products Inc., located near Evanston

Spokesman using bus PA system will give background on this new industry, built at a cost of about \$4 million. The particle board company will employ 70 to 75 people at the plant and 400 part time in the field cutting, hauling, and sawing timber. This is an RC&D project measure to provide a market for locally grown timber. Local people have already furnished the plant with 30,000 tons of logs at \$6 a ton. Firm is now in the shakedown phase of production. The plant was financed through an Area Redevelopment Administration (ARA) industrial loan and a Rural Electrification Administration (REA) loan made through the Indiana Rural Electric Co-op for wiring, machinery and equipment. Water is furnished the company by the Finch Newton Water Company, an FHA financed water distribution project.

Development #7 (10:30 a.m.) Stop and tour Storrs plant

Plant management will be on hand to take group around.

Development #8 Meet with Lincoln Hills Resource Conservation and Development Projects leaders, Dutchman's Restaurant in Evanston

Earl Blank, chairman of the Lincoln Hills RC&D

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project committee, will be in charge of the program during which local people will review the project's progress and problems. The Lincoln Hills project was the first in the nation (there are now 20 in the operations stage and 6 in the planning stage). It was approved for planning by Secretary Freeman in May 1963, covers four southern Indiana counties -- Spencer, Perry, Crawford, and Harrison, and contains slightly more than one million acres. RC&D projects represent a multi-county approach to help local people overcome economic decline in rural areas. The projects are locally initiated and locally sponsored.

In addition to stepped up programs of soil and water management, the Lincoln Hills project includes extensive plans to develop recreation areas, both public and private, to develop processing and marketing facilities for locally raised livestock and crops, to develop sites for industrial development, develop rural water and sanitary systems, and other measures designed to strengthen the rural community.

Development #9 (Noon) Lunch at Dutchman's Restaurant, Evanston

Development #10 (1:30 p.m.) Arrive at Tell City, Ind.

Tell City is the largest city (8,000 population) in the four county RC&D project area. Although it, like most communities in southern Indiana, suffered serious out migration, its population has been rising in recent years.

Edgar (Bud) Braun, officer in the Tell City-Cannelton Chamber of Commerce and past chairman of the Lincoln Hills RC&D executive committee, will be on the bus during a tour by the Ohio River levy, the community's new recreation areas, and the new bridge at Cannelton, connecting southern Indiana with Kentucky.

Development #11 (2:00 p.m.) Head Start Program Hoosier Heights School, Tell City

Bus will stop at the school where program for 18

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The Branchville Job Corps Conservation Center is located in the Hoosier National Forest in Perry County. It is one of 47 Centers in 29 States operated by the Forest Service in cooperation with the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Branchville Center accommodates 115 men, 17 to 21 years of age who undertake a basic education/work program for up to two years.

The photograph at the top shows flag raising in front of the Center's administration building. At the left, corpsmen work on the recreation facilities at the Saddle Lake Recreation Area.



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A tree planting crew sets pine tree seedlings and wildlife food producing shrubs in a severely eroded and silt producing area of the Anderson River Watershed in the Lincoln Hills Resource Conservation and Development Project. Cost sharing through USDA and technical assistance from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has been a significant aid in the planting of one million trees a year.



Workmen dig a trench for one of the 10 new rural water lines now in operation or construction in southern Indiana. There is a chronic shortage of water for domestic, industrial, and recreational uses throughout the area. Financing for the water systems was made available through loans from the Farmers Home Administration.

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Above a sawmill operators clinic, conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service of Purdue University, helps landowners and mill operators in southern Indiana get maximum value from woodland products.

At right, heavy equipment is shown at work on the Kraus Creek channel in the Middle Fork of Anderson River watershed project in Perry and Crawford Counties.



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Head Start children will be in session. Dean Jones, OEO director for the four-county area, will explain the activities. In addition to Head Start, Jones conducts a Neighborhood Youth Corps and Family Management Program.

Development #12 (2:30 p.m.) Drive Through Needmore Area

This is an area on the outskirts of Tell City that got its name because the people who live there need more of everything. The area of about 40 homes has no water or sanitary facilities. Most of the children in the Head Start program come from this community.

Development #13 (3:00 p.m.) Saddle Lake Recreation Area Dedication

Secretary Freeman will dedicate this new recreation lake located near Gatchel, Ind., in the Hoosier National Forest. The new lake is formed by a multiple purpose structure in the Middle Fork of Anderson Creek PL 566 small watershed project. This is the first of four flood prevention and recreation structures to be built in the watershed project in the Hoosier National Forest. It represents one of RC&D project approaches in creating more water areas throughout the four counties. Throughout most of the RC&D project area, the land is gently to steeply rolling and heavily wooded. It is this resource, this natural beauty, that the people of southern Indiana are betting on heavily to boost their economy through tourism and recreation.

Saddle Lake has a surface acreage of 41 acres. Conservation Job Corpsmen from the Branchville Job Corps Center have installed the recreation facilities around the lake for camping, swimming, picnicking, and boating.

Development #14 (4:00 p.m.) Branchville Job Corps Center

Tour party will tour Branchville Job Corps Center facilities, participate in Job Corps graduation ceremony, and dine with Job Corpsmen.

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The center, located on Hoosier National Forest land near Branchville, accommodates approximately 115 corpsmen between the ages of 16 and 21. These are young men out of school, out of work, and full of desire to better themselves. The basic goal of the center is to increase the mens' employability through education and job training.

Development #15 (7:00 p.m.) Arrive French Lick Airport for Washington
via Air Force charter plane



